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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Oscar Lee AVANT et al.) Group Art Unit: 3653
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Application No.: 09/652,709) Examiner: Daniel K. SCHLAK
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Filed: August 31, 2000)
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS)
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 11, 2002, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. **Objection to the Abstract**

In an Office Action dated April 9, 2002, the Examiner objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure as being improper. In an Amendment filed August 30, 2002, in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002, a Substitute Abstract of the Disclosure was

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